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Chief, Security Research Staff

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Chief, Technical Branch

Request for Secret Contact Clearance.

1. [redacted] was associated in the technical development of the Sidetone Delay Device with [redacted]. On Monday, 18 May 1953, at a conference in connection with the winding up of the research and development of the Sidetone Delay, [redacted] stated that he was interested in experimental research in electronics and other matters, and asked the writer whether or not the Agency would be interested in a number of apparently new scientific ideas.

2. The writer informed [redacted] that the Agency is interested in any device or instrument that can be used for operational work and that if he would describe these devices to the writer, the writer would tell him informally whether or not we had a definite interest. [redacted] then described several ideas which were of immediate interest to the writer and of definite interest to the Agency.

3. However, at this point, the writer was unable to continue discussion in view of the fact that [redacted] did not have any type of Agency clearance. The writer told [redacted] that when he brings the Sidetone Delay device and related papers to Washington in the near future that he would make an effort to have him [redacted] cleared at the "Secret" level in order that [redacted] ideas could be more easily developed.

4. In this connection, the writer examined at [redacted] the full field investigation which [redacted] had conducted on [redacted] in September 1950. A careful examination of this file reflects that [redacted] record is entirely clear and from a scientific point of view, he is regarded as an outstanding man.

5. In addition to this, the writer obtained from [redacted] a statement to the effect that he was the one who originally had requested the investigation on [redacted] and definitely has an "Top Secret" clearance based on the full field investigation by [redacted]

6. Attached herewith is a brief resume of the [redacted] investigation on [redacted] which was made by [redacted] in September 1950.

7. It would be greatly appreciated if you would obtain through  
the proper channels a "Secret" contact clearance for  
With the highest possible priority attached to this request.  
It is our belief that will be in Washington in the next  
two weeks and at that time, the writer and his associates and  
would like to have extended conversations  
with him at the "SECRET" level.

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